रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफरशरीफ) : (क) गुजरात में 18 जिले रेल द्वारा राज्य की राजधानी से जुड़े हैं। केवल एक जिला डांग, जिसका मुख्यालय आहवा में है, रेल से नहीं जुड़ा है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) संसाधनों की तंगी।

Railway Projects for West Bengal

1293. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new railway projects approved for West Bengal over the past twenty years, and the physical targets and financial expenditure involved in such approvals;

(b) the physical targets reached and the financial expenditure incurred till the end of 1993-94; and

(c) the reasons for Government's failure to meet its commitments?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Private setcor unregistered unit

1294. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are favouring private sector unregistered wagon units at the cost of public sector registered units in the matter of wagon orders; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fuel efficiency of Diesel Locomotive Engines

1295. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI E. BALANADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the test of the new Indian made diesel locomotive engines are proved to be most fuel efficient and will cost less than imported ones; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The new locomotives developed by Indian Railways are more fuel efficient than the old design, but lesser than modern locomotives built abroad. As we are not importing Diesel Locos, we do not have any cost details of imported locomotives similar to our Diesel Locomotives.

(b) The new 3100 h.p. diesel locomotive has been developed and the first locomotive is about to be turned out from Diesel Locomotive Works|Varanasi.

Rolling Stock Programme

1296. SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing regulations under the rolling stock programme orders for wagons can be placed only to registered members of the Wagon India Ltd.

(b) whether there was any violation of the regulations in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. There are no restrictions in placing orders for wagons on units which are not registered members of Wagon India Ltd.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Phasing out of Air-Conditioned chair Cars on Rajdhani Express train

1297. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to phase out Air-Conditioned Chair Cars on Rajdhani Express and other long distance trains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-A.C. first class coaches are also being phased out;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what arrangements have been made for their replacement?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In order to provide more comfortable journey to the long distance passengers it has been decided to gradually replace the A.C. Chair Cars on Rajdhani Expresses by A.C. 3 Tier Coaches. Similarly, to increase the carrying capacity of trains and also to provide comfortable service, existing I Class Coaches and being replaced in a phased manner by other suitable type of Coaches depending upon their availability.

Constructions of railway projects in Orissa

1298. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Railway projects under construction in Orissa and their estimated cost;

(b) the funds allocated by the Central Government for those projects and progress made so far;

(c) the target date fixed for the completion of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d) The details of new railway line and doubling projects presently under execution in Orissa are as under:—

S. No.	Name of the project	Length (Kms.)	Cost (Rs. Crs.)	Funds allocated in 94-95	Target date of completion	Percentage progress upto 6/94
NEW LINES						
1	Koraput-Rayagada	164	419.20	17.00	94-95	97
2	Talcher-Sambalpur	172	220.00	35.11	95-96	50
3	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh	54	100.00	2.00	98-99	01
4	Daitari-Banspani	147	242.55	23.00	9899	05
5	Khurda Road-Bolagir	289	353.38	1.00	99-2000	01
DOUBLINGS						
6	Ambodala-Bissam Cuttack & Therubali-Gumada	100	84.20	4.17	94-95	85
7	Joranda Road-Hindol Road	28	25.09	2.63	94-95	75
8	Talcher-Hindol Road	32	27.61	6.71	95-96	40
9	Rajatgarh-Nergundi	26	27.64	2.00	97-98	02